

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-77 (Cancelled).

78. (Previously Presented) A method for monitoring electronic messages that are directed to an intended recipient, the method comprising:

establishing a supervisory relationship between a supervisory recipient and an intended recipient;

receiving electronic messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient;

delivering a first one of the electronic messages to the supervisory recipient without notifying the intended recipient that the first electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory recipient;

enabling the supervisory recipient to review and approve the first electronic message after the first electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory recipient; and

enabling notification of the first electronic message to be provided to the intended recipient only if the supervisory recipient approves the first electronic message.

79. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 78 wherein establishing a supervisory relationship between a supervisory recipient and an intended recipient comprises associating an electronic message address of the supervisory recipient with an electronic message address of the intended recipient.

80. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 79 wherein the intended recipient is a minor child and the supervisory recipient is a guardian for the minor child such that establishing a supervisory relationship between a supervisory recipient and an intended recipient includes associating an electronic message address of the guardian with an electronic message address of the minor child.

81. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 79 wherein the intended recipient is an employee and the supervisory recipient is an employer for the employee such that establishing a supervisory relationship between a supervisory recipient and an intended recipient includes associating an electronic message address of the employer with an electronic message address of the employee.

82. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 79 wherein delivering comprises:  
examining a header of the first electronic message to determine whether the header includes the electronic message address of the intended recipient;  
determining the electronic address of the supervisory recipient associated with the electronic message address of the intended recipient; and  
routing the first electronic message to the electronic message address of the supervisory recipient.

83. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 82 wherein the intended recipient and the supervisory recipient each have different electronic message addresses for a single Internet service provider account.

84. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 78 further comprising:  
examining a header of a second one of the electronic messages to determine an electronic address of the sender of the second electronic message;

comparing the determined electronic address of the second electronic message to at least one sender list, and

approving or rejecting the electronic message based on a result of the comparison.

85. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 84 wherein the at least one sender list includes a list of approved senders such that comparing the determined electronic address comprises comparing the determined electronic address to the list of approved senders.

86. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 84 wherein the at least one sender list includes a list of blocked senders such that comparing the determined electronic address comprises comparing the determined electronic address to the list of blocked senders.

87. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 78 wherein the electronic messages are e-mails such that receiving electronic messages includes receiving e-mails transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

88. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 78 wherein the electronic messages are instant messages such that receiving electronic messages includes receiving instant messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

89. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 78 wherein the electronic messages are chat room messages such that receiving electronic messages includes receiving chat room messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

90. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 78 further comprising:

delivering a second one of the electronic messages to the supervisory recipient without notifying the intended recipient that the second electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory recipient; and

automatically forwarding or deleting the second electronic message if the supervisory recipient does not review and approve the second electronic message within a period of time after delivery of the second electronic message to the supervisory recipient.

91. (Previously Presented) A system for monitoring electronic messages that are directed to an intended recipient, the system comprising:

an establishing software module that establishes a supervisory relationship between a supervisory recipient and an intended recipient;

a receiving software module that receives electronic messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient;

a delivery software module that delivers a first one of the electronic messages to the supervisory recipient without notifying the intended recipient that the first electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory recipient;

an review software module that enables the supervisory recipient to review and approve the first electronic message after the first electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory recipient; and

an notification software module that enables notification of the first electronic message to be provided to the intended recipient only if the supervisory recipient approves the first electronic message.

92. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 91 wherein, to establishes a supervisory relationship between a supervisory recipient and an intended recipient, the establishing software module comprises an associating software module that associates an electronic message address of the supervisory recipient with an electronic message address of the intended recipient.

93. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 92 wherein the intended recipient is a minor child and the supervisory recipient is a guardian for the minor child such that the associating software module associates an electronic message address of the guardian with an electronic message address of the minor child.

94. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 92 wherein the intended recipient is an employee and the supervisory recipient is an employer for the employee such that the establishing software module establishes a supervisory relationship between a supervisory recipient and an intended recipient includes associating an electronic message address of the employer with an electronic message address of the employee.

95. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 92 wherein the delivery software module comprises:

an examining module that examines a header of the first electronic message to determine whether the header includes the electronic message address of the intended recipient;

a determining software module that determines the electronic address of the supervisory recipient associated with the electronic message address of the intended recipient; and

a routing software module that routes the first electronic message to the electronic message address of the supervisory recipient.

96. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 95 wherein the intended recipient and the supervisory recipient each have different electronic message addresses for a single Internet service provider account.

97. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 91 further comprising:

an examining module that examines a header of a second one of the electronic messages to determine an electronic address of the sender of the second electronic message;

a comparing module that compares the determined electronic address of the second electronic message to at least one sender list, and

an approving/rejecting module that approves or rejects the electronic message based on a result of the comparison.

98. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 97 wherein the at least one sender list includes a list of approved senders such that the comparing module compares the determined electronic address to the list of approved senders.

99. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 97 wherein the at least one sender list includes a list of blocked senders such that the comparing module compares the determined electronic address to the list of blocked senders.

100. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 91 wherein the electronic messages are e-mails such that the receiving module receives e-mails transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

101. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 91 wherein the electronic messages are instant messages such that the receiving module receives instant messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

102. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 91 wherein the electronic messages are chat room messages such that the receiving module receives chat room messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

103. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 91 wherein the delivering module delivers a second one of the electronic messages to the supervisory recipient without notifying the intended recipient that the second electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory recipient; the system further comprising a forwarding/deleting module that automatically forwards or deletes the second electronic message if the supervisory recipient does not review and approve the second electronic message within a period of time after delivery of the second electronic message to the supervisory recipient.

104. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium having embodied thereon a computer program for monitoring electronic messages that are directed to an intended recipient, the computer program comprising:

an establishing code segment that establishes a supervisory relationship between a supervisory recipient and an intended recipient;

a receiving code segment that receives electronic messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient;

a delivery code segment that delivers a first one of the electronic messages to the supervisory recipient without notifying the intended recipient that the first electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory recipient;

an review code segment that enables the supervisory recipient to review and approve the first electronic message after the first electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory recipient; and

a notification code segment that enables notification of the first electronic message to be provided to the intended recipient only if the supervisory recipient approves the first electronic message.

105. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 104 wherein, to establish a supervisory relationship between a supervisory recipient and an intended recipient, the establishing code segment comprises an associating code segment that associates an electronic

message address of the supervisory recipient with an electronic message address of the intended recipient.

106. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 105 wherein the intended recipient is a minor child and the supervisory recipient is a guardian for the minor child such that the associating code segment associates an electronic message address of the guardian with an electronic message address of the minor child.

107. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 105 wherein the intended recipient is an employee and the supervisory recipient is an employer for the employee such that the associating code segment associates an electronic message address of the employer with an electronic message address of the employee.

108. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 105 wherein the delivery code segment comprises:

an examining code segment that examines a header of the first electronic message to determine whether the header includes the electronic message address of the intended recipient;

a determining code segment that determines the electronic address of the supervisory recipient associated with the electronic message address of the intended recipient; and

a routing code segment that routes the first electronic message to the electronic message address of the supervisory recipient.

109. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 108 wherein the intended recipient and the supervisory recipient each have different electronic message addresses for a single Internet service provider account.

110. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 104 wherein the computer program further comprises:

an examining code segment that examines a header of a second one of the electronic messages to determine an electronic address of the sender of the second electronic message;

a comparing code segment that compares the determined electronic address of the second electronic message to at least one sender list, and

an approving/rejecting code segment that approves or rejects the electronic message based on a result of the comparison.

111. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 110 wherein the at least one sender list includes a list of approved senders such that the comparing code segment compares the determined electronic address to the list of approved senders.

112. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 110 wherein the at least one sender list includes a list of blocked senders such that the comparing code segment compares the determined electronic address to the list of blocked senders.

113. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 104 wherein the electronic messages are e-mails such that the receiving code segment receives e-mails transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

114. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 104 wherein the electronic messages are instant messages such that the receiving code segment receives instant messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

115. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 104 wherein the electronic messages are chat room messages such that the receiving code segment receives chat room

messages transmitted across a delivery network from one or more sender devices and directed to the intended recipient.

116. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 104 wherein the delivering code segment delivers a second one of the electronic messages to the supervisory recipient without notifying the intended recipient that the second electronic message has been delivered to the supervisory recipient, the computer program further comprising a forwarding/deleting code segment that automatically forwards or deletes the second electronic message if the supervisory recipient does not review and approve the second electronic message within a period of time after delivery of the second electronic message to the supervisory recipient.